I WAS RAISED ON THE SAME STORIES. BELIEVED THE SAME THINGS. WHEN I BECAME MOONBORN I LOST EVERYTHING. *EVERYTHING*. I DISCOVERED HOW TRUE THOSE STORIES WERE.

EEE!

HOW DID YOU EVEN-!
CHOKE
CHOKE

IT'S TRUE. I'VE KILLED MANY PEOPLE, EVEN MORE NOW AS A MOONBORN
YOUR PITY AND UNDERSTANDING ARE SORELY MISPLACED
I'M SURE MOST OF THE MYTHS AREN'T TRUE-
NO. LISTEN TO ME. I USED TO BE A BASILEIAN JUST LIKE YOU

UNDER THE AEGIS

BY VINEDDIEE

MAAAN I AM GONNA BE SORE FOR WEEKS! AND THE DARN COMMUNICATOR IS MAKING MY EAR ITCHY.
YOU OK IN THERE NEN?
ME TOO MAN. ME TOO.

CAN'T SLEEP EITHER?
GOOD LUCK NIGHT NIGHT
NIGHT!

munch
munch

YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PRISONERS OF BASILEIA? THEY'RE SENT TO US. WE DISPOSE OF THEM FOR YOU. WHOEVER WE DON'T CONSUME. WE USE TO REPOPULATE GOLGOTHA
IT'S A CITY OF THIEVES. MURDERERS. AND WORSE. AND AS ITS CITIZENS WE SURVIVE IN ANY FOUL WAY WE CAN
THAT'S A GOOD ENOUGH REASON FOR GOLGOTHA TO REMAIN HIDDEN DEEP BENEATH THE DESERT AND A GOOD REASON FOR EVERYONE ELSE TO STEER CLEAR OF THE MOONBORN

I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU AND APOLOGISE
OF THE WHOLE GROUP YOU WERE THE FIRST AND ONLY PERSON TO SPEAK TO ME AS THOUGH I WEREN'T WHAT I AM I'M SORRY IF I FRIGHTENED YOU
YOU KNOW WHY THERE HAVEN'T BEEN WIELDERS IN NINETY YEARS? BECAUSE OF ME I WAS THE FIRST OF THIS GENERATION TO BE CHOSEN I DON'T KNOW WHY

MATTIE...DON'T!

DORIAN!

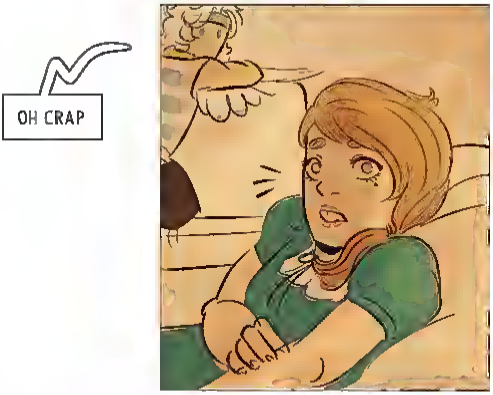
YOU PROBABLY HEARD IT ALL AND I'M SORRY...YOU DIDN'T DESERVE THAT...
I'M SURE THEY DIDN'T MEAN TO
I DON'T CARE IF THEY MEANT IT OR NOT. I KNOW WHAT I AM.

ARE YOU OKAY??
WHAT DID THAT CREEP DO-
JJ

NO, NO, I'M FINE. HE DIDN'T. I JUST

I JUST NEED TO GO TO MY ROOM FOR A WHILE

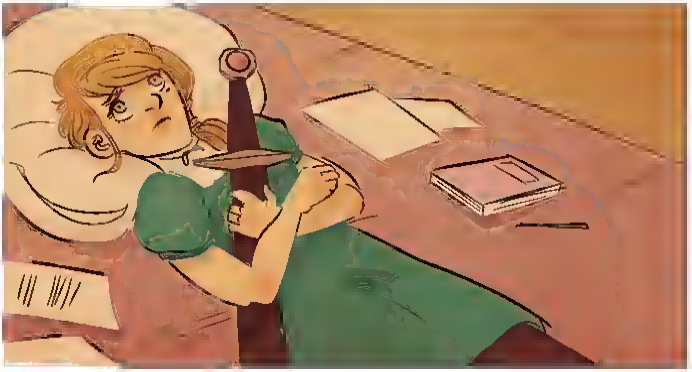
WAIT!


OH CRAP

YOU CLEANED ALL THIS BY YOURSELF?
WELL. YEAH SOMEONE HAD TO

THAT'S REALLY BRAVE OF YOU NEED ANY HELP?
THANKS! BUT I'M ALMOST DONE I'M GOING TO STAY DOWN HERE AND STUDY A WHILE

WELL APPARENTLY *SOME PEOPLE* WOULD BE OKAY WITH GETTING THEIR THROATS RIPPED OUT IN THEIR SLEEP
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MATTIE?
I DON'T REALLY



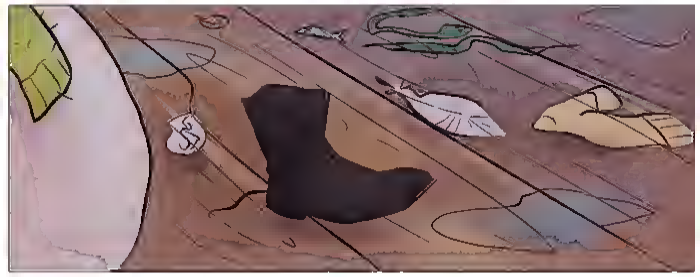
GUYS, YOU'RE NOT HELPING YOUR STEREOTYPES

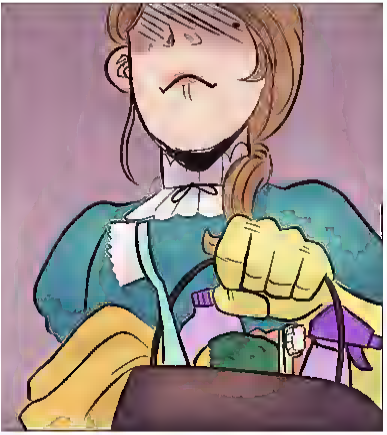
I DUNNO GUYS. I GREW UP ON A HUGE ROCK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA BUT I STILL HEARD STORIES ABOUT THE MOONBORN.

OUR PARENTS WOULD TELL THEM TO US SO THAT WE'D BEHAVE. THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME TRUTH TO 'EM RIGHT?

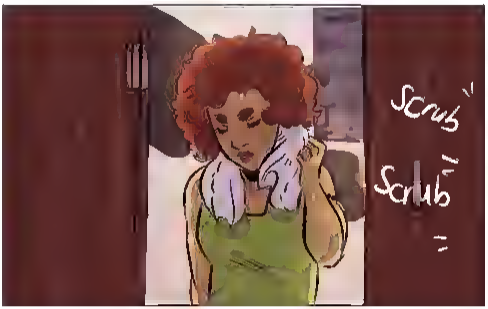
AND I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING.
I DIDN'T ASK TO BE CHOSEN. THERE'S NOTHING
LEFT IN ME THAT'S WORTH BEING A WIELDER.
SO STOP EXPECTING ME TO BE ANYTHING MORE

LEAVE ME ALONE





HEY... IS ANYONE ELSE FREAKING OUT OVER THE MOONBORN OR IS IT JUST ME?
IT'S DISGUSTING. HE WAS A KILLER EVEN BEFORE HE WAS TURNED. HE'S TOO DANGEROUS TO STAY HERE


Scrub
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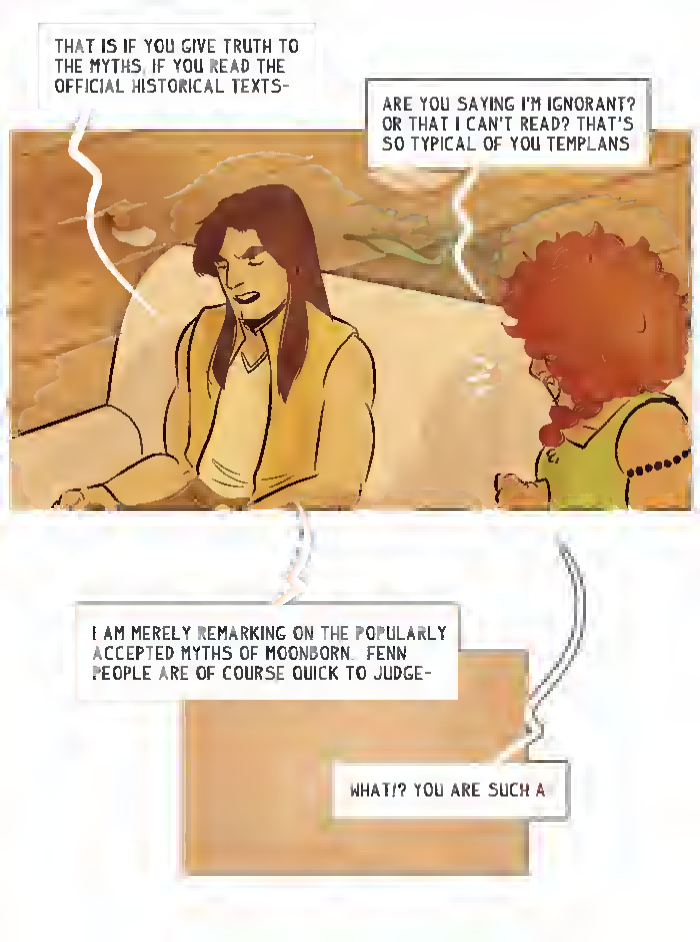
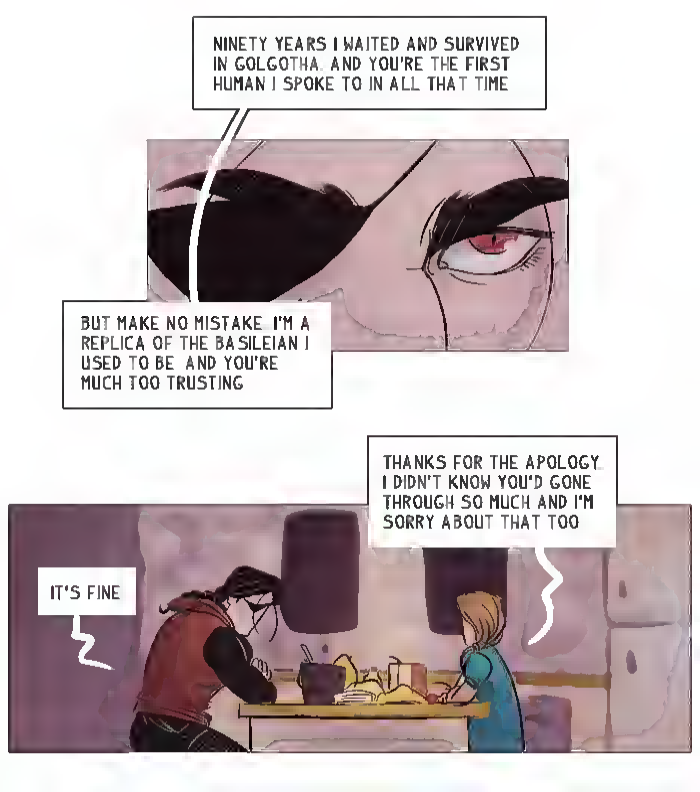
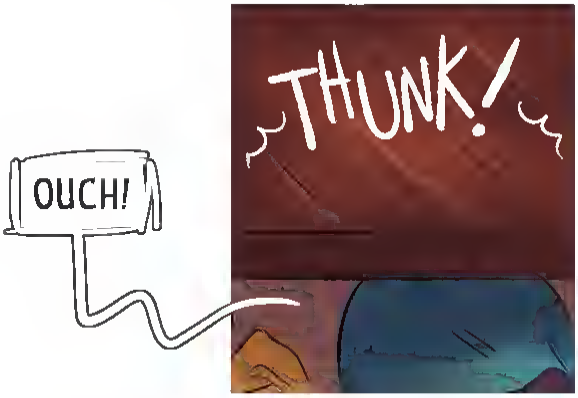
HOW DOES FOOD EVEN GET IN THERE?! UGH-
Scrub
Scrub
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


THAT IS IF YOU GIVE TRUTH TO THE MYTHS. IF YOU READ THE OFFICIAL HISTORICAL TEXTS-
ARE YOU SAYING I'M IGNORANT? OR THAT I CAN'T READ? THAT'S SO TYPICAL OF YOU TEMPLANS
I AM MERELY REMARKING ON THE POPULARLY ACCEPTED MYTHS OF MOONBORN. FENN PEOPLE ARE OF COURSE QUICK TO JUDGE-
WHAT!? YOU ARE SUCH A


NINETY YEARS I WAITED AND SURVIVED IN GOLGOTHA. AND YOU'RE THE FIRST HUMAN I SPOKE TO IN ALL THAT TIME
BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE. I'M A REPLICA OF THE BASILEIAN I USED TO BE. AND YOU'RE MUCH TOO TRUSTING
THANKS FOR THE APOLOGY. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D GONE THROUGH SO MUCH AND I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT TOO
IT'S FINE


THUNK!
OUCH!

OH! ME? UM. CLEANING UP.
JUST CLEANING UP

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